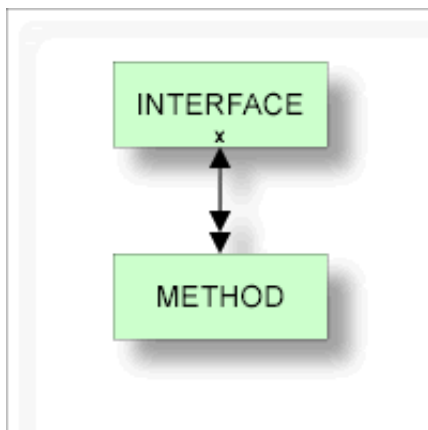# Method

This object type is used to document the methods of an interface.

In the predefined Predict metastructure, a method can have passive and active associations of the following types:

Valid passive association: *Belongs to IE*

Valid active association: no *predefined association*

This section covers the following topics:

- Method Maintenance Menu
- Method Retrieval

Method Maintenance Menu

This menu is called with function code M and object code MD in a Predict main menu, or with the command MAINTAIN METHOD.

```
   13:18:41              *****  P R E D I C T  4.3.1  *****            2003-05-31
   Plan   0                   - (MD) Method Maintenance -           Profile SYSTEM

    Function                                 Function

    A  Add a Method                          D  Display Method
    C  Copy Method                           L  Link children
    M  Modify Method                         S  Select Method from list
    N  Rename Method
    P  Purge Method


    Function ..............

    Method ID .............                              Attributes ....*
    Copy ID ...............
    Belongs to IE ........

    Restrictions .........*   Profile Default,empty       Association ...*

    Command ===>
    Enter-PF1---PF2---PF3---PF4---PF5---PF6---PF7---PF8---PF9---PF10--PF11--PF12---
          Help  Next  Stop  Last  LnkEl Flip  Print Impl  AdmFi SelFi Prof  Main
```

Parameters

The Method Maintenance Menu contains only global attributes. See Global Attributes.

The functions are described in the section Maintenance in the **Predict Reference documentation**.

Add a Method Screen

The following screen appears for the function Add a Method. The screens for functions Copy and Modify are similar.

```
   13:21:30              *****  P R E D I C T  4.3.1  *****            2003-05-31
                              - Add a Method -
   Method ..........
   Belongs to IE ..*
   Keys ..                                                          Zoom: N

   Attributes
    Method name ......
    Abstract    Zoom: N
```

Note:
Parameters not listed here are described under Global Attributes.

Parameters	
Method	ID of the method.
Method name	Name of the method.

Method Retrieval

Information on method objects is gathered using standard retrieval functions. See the section Retrieval in the **Predict Reference documentation**.

Output Options for Method Retrieval

The output options valid for this object type are identical to those for object type dataspace.
See Output Options for Dataspace Retrieval.